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Playground plan to set bar for Canada?



G20 set to meet to talk economy

SUMMIT World leaders travelling to London for this week's G20 crisis summit got a stark reminder yesterday about the size of the economic storm they face.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said the world economy will shrink far faster than it previously forecast and will send unemployment soaring, underscoring the need for extra steps to battle the crisis.

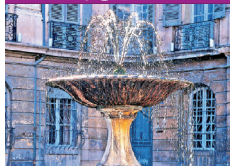
But even as the recession wore on, U.S. stocks closed out March with their best month's performance in more than six years.

World Bank president Robert Zoellick meanwhile announced a \$50-billion US program to counter the decline in world trade. **REUTERS**

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Virus no April Fool's joke

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Provence's Aix: C'est très chic



Anaheim Ducks forward Bobby Ryan, right, and Edmonton Oilers' Steve Staios fight during last night's game at the Rexall Place in Edmonton. The Ducks defeated the Oilers 5-3. Story, pg 9

Duck deaths tripled

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The amount of ducks that died in a toxic tailings pond last April is three times higher than originally thought, said oilsands giant Syncrude Canada.

Syncrude CEO Tom Katinas says 1,606 ducks died in the pond at the company's Aurora North Site mine facility north of Fort McMurray. Original estimates by the company and the government pegged the dead-duck toll at 500, and Katinas said staff could not keep track of the number of birds "that fell below the

"This underscores just how toxic the tarsands industry is."

Mike Hudema

water line" soon after the incident.

"Once again, I want to apologize for this terrible and sad event that happened on our site," said Katinas after revealing the new number to reporters.

"It is a stain on the good reputation that Syncrude has earned over its many years of good operations. It's been particularly sad and embarrassing for me personally, for employees

of Syncrude, and all of its stakeholders."

Katinas said there were also challenges by staff to track down smaller birds that fell into the pond during the original count, but later found more ducks through a "rigorous recovery process" after the event. "There needs to be transparency in the whole industry," said Mike Hudema, a campaigner with Greenpeace.

"It took over a year to get a whole count in terms of how many birds have died within these toxic tailings lakes. This underscores just how toxic the tarsands industry is."

Syncrude is facing federal and provincial charges over the incident for failing to store a hazardous substance in a manner that ensured the substance did not come into contact with or contaminate animals.

The company is expected to make an appearance in court on the charges June 10, and it has yet to enter a plea.

Syncrude says it has already begun placing deterrents on unfrozen ponds year round, along with kicking off a pilot project radar system to study migration patterns to prevent ducks from landing in the pond.

Former mayor Dent dies at 85

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ALZHEIMER'S Former Edmonton mayor Ivor Dent, a city politician who helped bring in the Commonwealth Games and LRT services to Alberta's capital city, died Sunday after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was 85.

"He was a great friend, a great mentor, and a great mayor that I served under," said longtime city councillor Ron Hayter.

"He was very progressive and had a vision for the future that helped this city move along."

Dent was born in Prince Albert, Sask., in 1924, and he later moved to Edmonton with his wife to pursue a Master of Administration degree from the University of Alberta.

After unsuccessfully trying to run for office at city hall and the Alberta legislature since the mid-1950s, Dent was elected as city alderman in 1964.

Dent was also successful in running for mayor in 1968, but lost in the 1974 election to former mayor William Hawrelak.

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Pharmacy dean named

The University of Alberta has chosen James Kehrer as the next dean of its Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science. Kehrer is the former dean of the College of Pharmacy at Washington State University. His five-year term at the University of Alberta will begin Aug. 1. **METRO EDMONTON**

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WestJet slashes prices

WestJet has lowered its prices to their lowest levels to buck a trend during the global economic recession. Beginning now through April 6, passengers from Edmonton will see their tickets slashed by as much as 78 per cent. **METRO EDMONTON**



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Setting the standard

City's accessible playground guide goes nationwide

ERIN PENTELECHUK
for Metro Edmonton



Edmonton is hoping to show no child is forgotten on the city's playgrounds.

The city is encouraging communities across Canada to make outdoor play easier for children with disabilities by unveiling a new guidebook that will make it easier for groups to build accessible playgrounds.

The guidebook, presented yesterday by policy and research officer Kim Sanderson, includes clear language and images to explain the standards for accessible playgrounds in Canada.

"Edmonton is the first Canadian city to establish policy to make sure all new and retrofitted play-spaces are accessible," Sanderson said. "Building accessible playgrounds means all kids are given the chance to reach their potential, and have fun just being kids."

The Canadian Standards Association approved the Accessible Playspaces Design Standard in May 2007, but the standard only serves as a guideline for playgrounds across the country. Since Edmonton made the standard policy, new playgrounds in each corner of the city have been built to incorporate the needs of children with disabilities.

"Every new playspace (in

Edmonton) meets that standard," Sanderson said. "We construct 20 to 25 sites a year and when you think that each site lasts about 15 or 20 years, that's a significant impact."

Along with the guidebook, the city also featured the All Abilities Welcome tool kit, created by the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability. Canadian Paralympic athlete Jason Dunkerley promoted the kit, which includes strategies to create more inclusive recreation programs in community organizations.

"I think breakthroughs are happening all the time ... through bringing recreation organizations and people with disabilities in communities together," Dunkerley said.

The cost to build an accessible playground consistent with CSA guidelines is estimated to be 10 to 15 per cent higher than a conventional playground. Sanderson said most of that cost is allotted to resurfacing the site with rubberized material instead of sand to allow wheelchair access.

The standard also suggests specific ramp measurements and swing heights to allow children to use the playground equipment without assistance. The guidebook for the standard can be viewed at www.ala.ca.



Kim Sanderson

Spring break Winter fun



Austin Aylwin, left, and Hunter Luth, both 11 years old, take advantage of spring break to slide down the hill at Emily Murphy Park yesterday afternoon.

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Charges laid for racing with baby on board

DRIVING A 22-year-old has been charged with dangerous driving after he was allegedly caught street racing with a 15-month-old in the backseat of the vehicle.

Police said a man, driving a Dodge truck, was seen in a BMW as it rushed north on Parson's Road near 19 Avenue around 7:15 p.m. Monday.

City cops pulled over the truck but the BMW sped away during the pursuit, police said.

Police said a female passenger was in the truck along with the infant.

City workers begin local census work

SURVEY More than 1,300 census workers have begun to hit the neighbourhoods to count every person who lives in Edmonton.

Census workers, who will wear photo ID, will be asking four questions to households this year — how many people live in the house, their gender, the month and year each person was born, and whether the home is owned or rented.

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'Miracle mix' helps fight potholes

ERIN PENTELECHUK
for Metro Edmonton



ROADWORK Local pothole crews might have less holes to patch if a new material on trial proves to last longer than conventional patching material.

Al Cepas of the city's roadway maintenance department said crews began testing the unnamed "miracle mix" last year and he was pleasantly surprised with the results.

"We threw some of the mix in some of the trouble-

"We thought it wouldn't last, but, lo and behold, a year later, it's lasting."

Al Cepas

some holes around the city," Cepas said. "We thought it wouldn't last, but, lo and behold, a year later, it's lasting."

Cepas said the city is currently patching with cold mix, which doesn't bond well in wet conditions and usually requires a re-patch

months later.

"Mainly our experience tells us that if we are using cold mix, half of those patches will fail within a relatively short time," he said.

The new material, which is chemically treated to resist water, is significantly more expensive than cold mix, but Cepas said costs will likely stay in the same range because crews will only be filling holes once.

Cepas said the material will likely be on trial for the next year before the city makes a decision.

RCMP recruiting 2,000 officers nationwide

POLICE The RCMP is now recruiting individuals to join Canada's national police service, with the intention of training up to 2,000 cadets over the next year.

The RCMP is responsible for municipal and provin-

cial policing services in eight provinces and three territories and federal policing services across Canada.

An information session will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Norquest College in We-

taskawin for individuals interested in a career with the RCMP.

For more information about the RCMP or to learn more about the application requirements, visit www.rcmp.gc.ca.

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Danny Boyle



Canada



Ono celebrates bed-in

Yoko Ono returned to Montreal yesterday to unveil an art exhibit celebrating the week 40 years ago when she famously stayed in bed with her husband John Lennon in a hotel room high above downtown Montreal and sang about peace. Ono was in the city for the anniversary of the 1969 bed-in, which is being marked by an exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Life story irrelevant, lawyers say

TASER INQUIRY Probes into Robert Dziekanski's life before arriving at Vancouver International Airport, where he had his fateful encounter with RCMP officers, are irrelevant, said lawyers for the family and the Polish government yesterday.

For a second day, a public inquiry into the Dziekanski death heard video-link testimony from friends of Dziekanski who knew him in Gliwice, Poland.

Magda Czelwinska said her friend Dziekanski was very excited about coming to Canada and had long prepared for the journey to join his mother by collecting books and magazines about the country.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calgary Smelling the flowers



Mike Labinjo of the Calgary Stampeders takes some time to smell the daffodils to raise a mountain of hope as the Canadian Cancer Society brings the annual Daffodil Days purchase to Bow Valley Square in that city.

CSIS admits to using torture-obtained info

In stunning testimony that flatly contradicts stated Conservative government policy, a senior CSIS official admitted the spy agency still uses information that may have been obtained by torture in national security investigations "if lives are at stake."

Geoffrey O'Brian, a lawyer and CSIS adviser on operations and legislation, told the Commons public safety committee there is no absolute ban on using intelligence that may have been obtained from countries with sketchy human rights records on torture.

"Do we use information that comes from torture? The answer is we only do so

Admission

• The admission came as officials from CSIS, the RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency testified that they have responded to recommendations and findings by the two judge-led inquiries into the Middle East torture ordeals of Maher Arar, Ahmad El-Maati, Abdullah Almalki and Muayyed Nureddin.

if lives are at stake," O'Brian said.

The explosive admission appeared to fly in the face of clear recommendations from Justice Dennis O'Connor in the Maher Arar inquiry against receiving or

distributing information when there is "a credible risk" it stemmed from torture.

It also contradicted assertions by the Conservative government, which has long argued the practices that led to the detention and torture of four Canadian citizens — that were condemned in two public inquiries — happened under the previous Liberal government.

The office of Peter Van Loan, minister of public safety, moved to clarify the Conservative government's policy by e-mail: "The Government of Canada does not condone torture. Period."

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B.C. rainforest plan established

ECOLOGY A newly minted management plan for the Great Bear Rainforest on Canada's Pacific Coast is an example of how to balance ecological and economic needs, environmentalists and timber industry officials said yesterday.

The plan comes nearly three years after the groups and aboriginals called a truce in their long-running battle over protecting the 64,000-square-kilometres wilderness area, which is more than twice the size of Belgium. **REUTERS**

News in brief

SHOOTING Three women were shot yesterday near an assisted-living facility in Gibsons, B.C., CBC News Online says. Reports indicate that one woman shot two others with a rifle. It's reported officers shot the woman wielding the weapon. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Huge marijuana haul found in home of elderly Nigerian

Nigeria's anti-narcotics agency confiscated 6.5 tons of marijuana yesterday from the home of a man who claimed to be 114 years old. **REUTERS**

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World

Taliban behind raid

Pakistani leader warns of attack in U.S.

Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud said yesterday his group had carried out an assault on a police academy in the city of Lahore in retaliation for U.S. drone attacks on militants in Pakistan.

He also suggested a \$5-million US bounty put on his head by the United States could be avenged by an attack in Washington.

"You can't imagine how we could avenge this threat inside Washington, inside the White House," said Mehsud, an al-Qaida-linked leader based in the Pashtun tribal region on the Afghan border.

Eight cadets were killed and scores wounded in the

"You can't imagine how we could avenge this threat inside Washington."

Baitullah Mehsud, Pakistani Taliban chief

brazen assault that came less than a month after a dozen gunmen attacked Sri Lanka's cricket team in the city, killing six police guards and a bus driver.

Four militants were killed and three were arrested during an eight-hour gunbattle with security forces in the police academy on Monday.

Mehsud leads the Movement of Taliban Pakistan, a loose umbrella group of factions that has carried out attacks across the country.

Authorities have accused him of being behind a string of attacks in Pakistan, including the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto in December 2007.

Frustrated over Pakistan's inability to stem growing cross-border attacks by militants into Afghanistan, the United States has carried out a series of missile attacks by pilotless drones on militant targets in northwestern Pakistan. **REUTERS**

300 African migrants feared dead

DROWNINGS Some 300 Africans, including women and children, are feared to have drowned after their boats capsized off Libya, part of a new upsurge of illegal migration to Europe, officials said yesterday.

At least 23 bodies were recovered by Libyan coastguards near the wreckage of three rickety boats that sailed from near Tripoli, Libya's Oea daily said, quoting security officials. A similar number were rescued, officials said.

One of the boats was carrying 365 people, though it was only supposed to hold 75, Libyan officials said. It was one of four migrant ships that sailed from Libya between Saturday and Sunday, apparently heading for Italy. **REUTERS**

News in brief

INVESTIGATION Pope Benedict XVI has ordered an investigation of an influential Roman Catholic priestly order whose founder was discovered to be a sexual molester.

MIX-UP German police are struggling to explain why they chased a phantom serial killer for 16 years after confusion over an innocent woman's DNA samples. **REUTERS**

Cambodia Torturer says sorry



A resident prays in front of skulls at a Killing Fields memorial in Cambodia. Former Khmer Rouge torturer Kaing Guek Eav apologized yesterday for the 14,000 people who died "brutally" at S-21 prison, the first senior Khmer Rouge cadre to accept blame for atrocities committed by the regime 30 years ago.

Computer worm set to wreak April Fool's havoc

INFECTION A computer worm that has lain dormant in millions of infected computers worldwide is expected to wake up on April Fool's Day, and ... well, technicians aren't sure what exactly it'll do, but they suspect it'll be harmful.

Since January, the Conficker worm — the largest computer worm to date — has created an infrastructure that its creators can use to remotely install software on infected machines, according to Symantec.com.

The computer-security software company said the

Taking action

• Free repair and detection tools can be found at confickernetworkinggroup.org.

worm would likely be used to create a botnet that will be rented out to criminals who want to send spam, steal IDs, and direct users to online scams and phishing sites.

With the worm targeting Windows XP and Vista, Microsoft is offering a \$250,000 US reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of its creators. **METRO CANADA**

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When the right wing gets together, there's usually enough room left in the phone booth for a marching band, but last night's Fraser Institute gathering here in Vancouver was sold out.

And the speaker, neocon Albertan Ezra Levant, is the toast of the Left Coast. The former Western Standard publisher and Reform MP is on a Vancouver tour de triomphe while basking in the glow of rave reviews for his latest book, *Shakedown*, including one from Rex Murphy, the man who put the polysyllables in pundit.

What's going on here? Why is Ezra Levant the flavour of the month? Dare I say because he deserves to be?

Levant and his fellow traveller, Mark Steyn, were

both targeted by various of the 13 Canadian human rights commissions for their work on Islam: Levant for publishing the notorious Danish Muhammad cartoons when he knew it was dangerous; and Steyn for musing in MacLean's that Islam is

winning the war against civilization by breeding more ambitiously.

Yes, the neo-con is always wondering why the rest of us fuzzy thinkers can't see that the glass is half empty and draining fast.

But whatever I think, I support the right's right to say what it thinks, unlike the government thought police known as the human rights commission. Under

the guise of protecting the rights of minorities, the HRCs have trampled everyone else's.

Steyn and Levant, unlike so many cowed into silence, stood up against what Levant calls "Alice in Wonderland commissions where bizarre new human rights are made up on the spot and where regular legal procedures don't apply." Shakedown is an account of his persecution at the hands of the Alberta commission, as well as a tour through the highlights of a Canadian quasi-judicial system gone starkers.

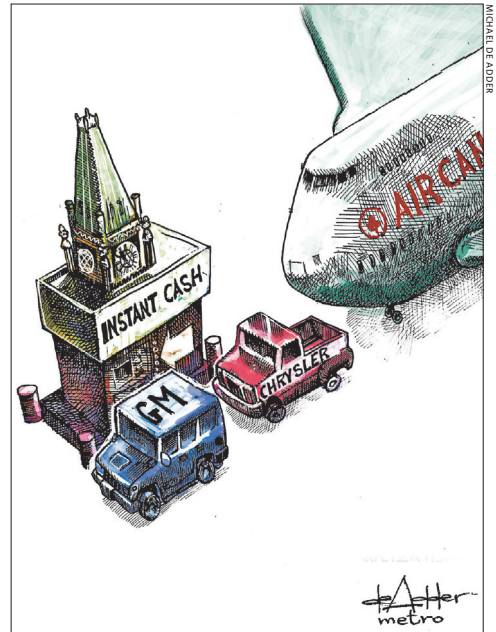
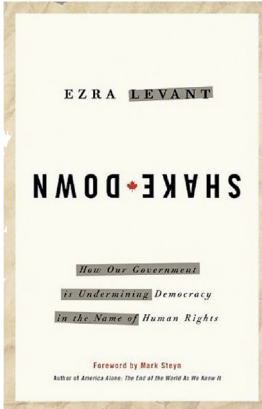
I think Levant is enjoying his 15 minutes of positive press because Canadians are waking up to the fact that their human

rights watchdogs are off the leash, and are thankful that someone has the guts to stand up for freedom of speech, our most important right, the one most in danger of being trampled under the boot of government good intentions.

One hundred people died in the savage madness that erupted over the Danish cartoons poking fun at the prophet Muhammad. I want to continue to live in a country where I can argue with Islam and frankly with all religions promising eternal bliss in return for lock-step compliance here on Earth, and not fear the wrath of holy men and bureaucrats.

Thanks to unlikely heroes such as Ezra Levant and Mark Steyn, I am still free to speak and write the truth as I see it. But it's a near thing, and Thomas Jefferson's words still ring true: "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

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Worth mentioning

Gitmo 'relaxing': Miss Universe

CUBA A "relaxing, calm, beautiful place" may not be everyone's description of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where the United States holds about 240 prisoners in a detention centre that has drawn condemnation from around the world.

But this was the opinion of reigning Miss Universe Dayana Mendoza of Venezuela, who visited the U.S. naval facility in eastern Cuba this month on a trip organized by the United Service Organizations (USO) which supports U.S. troops.

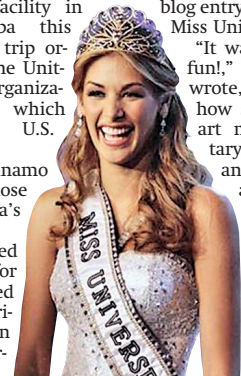
The Guantanamo Bay base, whose presence Cuba's government has contested as illegal for years, is used by U.S. authorities as a prison camp for for-

eign terrorism suspects. Critics have condemned it as a symbol of abuses in Washington's war on terrorism launched after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Caracas-born Mendoza, 22, who visited the facility March 20 to 25 along with Miss USA Crystle Stewart, 27, enthused about her Guantanamo trip as an "incredible experience" in a blog entry posted on the Miss Universe website.

"It was a looot of fun!" Mendoza wrote, describing how she and Stewart met U.S. military personnel and took rides around the camp, which is encircled by a barbed-wire fenced, minefields and watchtowers.

REUTERS



Word on the street: Are you concerned that the Conservative government is planning to scrap the gun registry?

Andrew Breckenridge
age 34,
Edmonton

A: I think they should take a look at it. Restructure the program, but not scrap it wholeheartedly.

Holly Breckenridge
age 42,
Edmonton

A: No, I want them to get rid of it. It's a waste of money.

Dennis Bourgeois
age 45, Calgary

A: I don't believe it would make a difference in Canada whether we have it or not.

Barbara Bittman
Calgary

A: I think even though some people don't think it has control, it must have some effect and I think we need it.

Tim Chukwu
age 45, Toronto

A: I don't like guns. If you have them, you're going to use them ... so no, I don't want to get rid of it.

Hillary Ferguson
age 20, Halifax

A: I wouldn't want people to not register their guns because it will make it a lot easier for criminals to get guns.



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French workers detain Caterpillar executives

Workers facing the sack at a factory in France run by U.S. company Caterpillar detained four managers yesterday and demanded further talks on announced layoffs. A union official said 733 workers were set to go out of a total of 2,700 staff. **REUTERS**

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Credit card losses up: Banks

Escalating job losses and personal bankruptcies are exacting a deepening toll on the credit card businesses of major banks.

Already grappling with higher losses, the banks are moving swiftly to cut their risks by stepping up collections and cutting the credit limits of high-risk clients, an industry

conference in Montreal was told.

But even as banks signal the era of easy credit is over, a new report suggests the financial hangover from that heyday could persist for some time to come.

Equifax Canada released data suggesting that hard-hit Canadians are failing

Credit by city

- Cities that experienced the greatest increases in consumer delinquency include Montreal, Calgary, Quebec City and Hamilton.

to pay their bills on time at "an increasing rate" and that credit card debt was largely to blame.

The credit bureau said the average national consumer delinquency rate increased by 7.3 per cent over the period from February 2008 to February 2009.

Equifax defines delinquent bills as those that are at least 90 days overdue.

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In brief

AUTO BUYERS General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. announced new incentives covering payments if customers lose their jobs, joining rivals in offering heavy discounts to attract consumers sidelined by the recession.

TOURISM Italy launched a \$10 million euro international advertising campaign to lure tourists as the economic crisis hits one of its biggest industries. **REUTERS**

GM chief says labour costs OK

AUTOS General Motors' new chief says worker concessions in Canada already make the teetering auto maker competitive despite government calls for more labour costs cuts to get public aid.

Fritz Henderson, who replaced Rick Wagoner as chief executive officer, said yesterday the company will consider the requests

Vote

- GM of Canada workers voted for concessions that will lower hourly labour costs including benefits by \$7.25 to \$63/hour.

by federal and Ontario politicians but added the concessions meet its competitive needs.

"What we need to is un-

derstand exactly what the Canadian government would like us to achieve further beyond what's been achieved," he told reporters in Detroit.

Henderson said U.S. demands in exchange for more aid will mean General Motors will close more plants and offer additional buyouts to its employees.

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Big payout to GM CEO sparks outrage

So, Rick Wagoner, the suddenly retired CEO of General Motors Corp., drives off into the sunset with a pension package worth an estimated \$23 million U.S. But given the brutal shape in which he leaves the beaten up behemoth, does he deserve it?

Observers say it's positively galling to watch the top executive walk away from a company teetering on the brink of bankruptcy with a fat payout.

"It's unconscionable," said Ken Lewenza, president of the Canadian Auto

Workers union.

"During these times, it is morally and ethically wrong to hand out this kind of package. It should be tied to the performance of the company."

CAW secretary-treasurer Jim O'Neill agreed that "it's just not right, and people don't understand it when workers are losing their jobs, and yet, he failed to bring the company back to recovery."

"It's a great golden hand-

shake, but he's not going to get a lot of support for it in these times," he added.

"Not only are the optics not good, they're awful," said Rick Powers, executive director of MBA programs at the Rotman School of Management.

GM and Chrysler have received \$17.4 billion in publicly funded emergency loans south of the border to prop up the ailing companies.



Rick Wagoner

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Business in brief

JOB LOSS Investment bank Canaccord Capital will slash 20 per cent of its brokers in Canada, its second staff reduction in five months, a spokesman for

the company said on Tuesday. Canaccord said it will shed 75 broker positions in the coming months out of a combined 375 across the country. **REUTERS**

Satellite industry remains strong

SPACE The U.S. economy is in recession, but the satellite industry's prospects are still flying high — at least for now, military officials and industry executives said yesterday.

A report released by the Space Foundation at its annual symposium here showed that the space industry boosted revenues by \$6 billion (all figures US) to \$257 billion in 2008, up from \$187 billion three years ago.

The full impact of the economic slowdown might not hit the space sector until later in 2009 or 2010, due to the existing pipeline of satellite and launch orders, the report said.

Expanding interest in space by a growing number of governments could boost spending on space programs and provide some counterbalance to the grim economy.

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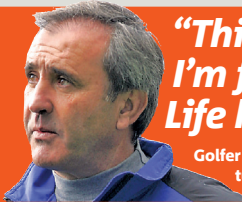
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Ballpark burger labelled health hazard

A 4,800-calorie burger offered by the West Michigan Whitecaps minor-league baseball team this season has been labelled a "dietary disaster" by health professionals. The 1.8-kilogram, \$20 US burger features five beef patties, five slices of cheese, a cup of chili and liberal doses of salsa and corn chips, all on a 20-centimetre bun. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



"This is the most important shot of my life. I'm fighting to win my sixth major ... Life has given me a second chance."

Golfer Seve Ballesteros, left, to Spanish sports daily Marca on his fight against a cancerous brain tumour. Ballesteros just began his fourth round of chemotherapy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Oilers slide further

NHL RESULT**Ducks 5 Oilers 3**

ROBIN BROWNLEE
for Metro Edmonton

THE SKINNY: The Ducks got second-period goals from Scott Niedermayer, Chris Pronger and Rob Niedermayer to bust open a 1-1 game and send the Oilers to their fifth loss in the last six games, getting payback for a 5-3 loss in Anaheim last Friday.

THE QUOTE: "We didn't get timely goals early," said captain Ethan Moreau. "We were physical, we played tough and we got pucks to the net. We were just looking for that early goal we weren't able to get."

THE BIG PLAY: Dwayne Roloson was the hero in Friday's win, but he gave up a soft goal that was the difference when Rob Niedermayer snapped a sharp-angle shot past him high on the glove side at 18:35 of the second period to make it 4-1.

HISTORY: This was Roloson's 33rd consecutive start and his 60th appearance this season,



Anaheim Duck Chris Pronger celebrates his goal against the Edmonton Oilers last night in Edmonton.

making him the oldest goaltender in NHL history to play 60 games. Roloson is 39 years and 170 days old. Curtis Joseph set the record in 2005-06 at the age of 38 years and 354 days.

NO HOME COOKING: If the Oilers miss the playoffs, they need look no further than their record at Rexall Place. At 16-15-6, they have 38 points at home. Colorado, with 36, is the only Western Conference team with fewer.

BAD BREAK: Andrew

Cogliano's snapshot past Jonas Hiller to the put the Oilers up 1-0 came on the power play. The Oilers were 3-for-34 in with a man advantage in their previous nine home games.

STICK IT: Having narrowed it to 4-3, the Oilers called for a measurement of Teemu Selanne's stick with 2:11 to play. Selanne's lumber was legal and the Oilers were penalized.

THE NEXT GAME: The Oilers host the San Jose Sharks Thursday.

Obama key to Chicago's Olympic hopes

IOC Chicago may lead in the race to host the 2016 Summer Olympics, but history has shown the voting can be unpredictable and the other cities in the running cannot be counted out.

With 13 International Olympic Committee dele-

gates due to tour Chicago this week, the U.S. city is working to build on advantages that include the backing of President Barack Obama — who still owns a house in the city — and past successful U.S. games, analysts who follow the

Olympics said yesterday.

After Chicago, IOC delegates will visit the other bidders: Madrid; Rio de Janeiro; and Tokyo. The jockeying will continue until the final vote in Copenhagen on Oct. 2.

REUTERS

Maple Leafs get their Hanson

HOCKEY Christian Hanson believes his stick will be what separates him from his father's stick.

The 23-year-old son of Dave Hanson — one of the iconic Hanson Brothers of Slap Shot movie fame — will be introduced today as the newest Toronto Maple Leaf. The highly-sought free agent forward inked a two-year contract with the Maple Leafs yesterday, three days after the Notre Dame Fighting Irish were eliminated from the U.S. college hockey playoffs.

"It's pretty neat," said Hanson, reached in South Bend, Ind. "After Notre Dame got eliminated, Toronto was one of the teams that came and made an offer. It just seemed like the right fit for me. It's a storied organization, and I feel Mr. Burke (Leafs GM Brian Burke) has a tremendous track record and has the team heading in the right direction." As a player, Hanson is about as far as possible from the celluloid goon his father portrayed or the pluggier his father was in those years toiling mostly in the minors, with 33 NHL games to his credit.

"He has got a keen hock-



Right: Christian Hanson, middle, with dad Dave and mom Sue. Above, from left: Dave Hanson, Steve Carlson and Jeff Carlson as the Hanson brothers in the 1977 film Slap Shot.

ey sense," said Dave Hanson. "He's got good speed, good hands, good shot. He's not going to be a role player, which was my game."

Raised largely in upstate New York, Christian Hanson was a rink rat like most other hockey kids. Dave Hanson put his son on skates at age two, and coached him until he was 16.

But there was always one thing Christian had to deal with that the other kids didn't: the fame of his father and two ex-teammates. Dave Hanson, Jeff Carlson and brother Steve Carlson

— journeymen players — gained fame as the bruising, brawny Hanson Brothers. Their knuckles wrapped in foil, their coke-bottle glasses taped, they punched their way to cult hero status in the 1977 movie starring Paul Newman. Christian figures he's probably seen the movie about 40 or 50 times.

"Every time you watch it, you see something else that's funny." He can quote it, although he chose not to because "I don't think it can be printed."

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY The Hockey Hall of Fame is revamping its rules in a move that signals it is ready to admit its first female player. Starting next year, the Hall will consider male and female candidates separately. The new bylaw will allow a maximum of four men and two women to be inducted each year. Previously only four inductees total were allowed each year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Columbus	88
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Minnesota	81
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Montreal at N.Y. Islanders
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Mazda's H factor

Mazda Motor Corporation has started commercial leasing of the Mazda Premacy Hydrogen RE Hybrid in Japan, becoming the world's first auto manufacturer to begin commercial leasing of a hydrogen hybrid vehicle, Canadian Driver reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Aura top-notch contender

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

With the days of super-cheap gas long behind us, the four-cylinder engine is rapidly becoming "king of the road." Many of them are now as quiet and powerful as V6 engines used to be, and they're showing up in more models than ever.

Saturn has responded with the midsize Aura sedan. The 2.4-litre four-cylinder previously found only in the base XE model is now also available in the upper-line XR trim. GM further streamlines the model by dropping one of the two V6 engines offered for 2008; for 2009, there's only a 3.6-litre V6, solely in XR trim. The 2.4-litre also shows up in the Aura Hybrid, a "mild" version that shuts off at idle, but can't run on its battery alone.

Mated exclusively to a six-speed automatic — sister car Chevrolet Malibu



uses a four-speed in its base trim — the 2.4-litre Aura gets better overall fuel economy than any of its non-hybrid, auto-equipped midsize sedan competitors. Official figures are 9.4 L/100 km in the city and 5.9 on the highway; in combined cold-weather driving, I averaged 8.9 L/100 km.

Pricing starts at \$23,728 for the XE, while the XR-4 starts at \$26,395. Features on the upper line include auto-dimming mirrors, 17-inch alloy wheels, heated cloth seats (optioned to leather on my car, and which took forever to warm up on my tester) with power adjustment, remote start, Bluetooth and

satellite radio. It's another \$4,111 to the V6 model, which also adds 18-inch wheels, leather upholstery and automatic climate control. Electronic stability control, six airbags and OnStar are standard on all models.

Drive-wise, I've always been partial to Aura/Malibu. It isn't that anything really



The Saturn Aura, left, is aimed to please commuters, with its light driving feel and a well-designed, functional interior, above.

stands out, but it's a cohesive package that does what it's meant to do, and does it very well. The 169-horsepower four has enough guts to get through traffic; the interior is roomy; the seats are supportive; the suspension takes care of nasty road imperfections; and fit-and-finish stands up easily to its rivals.

Overall, controls are simple and easy to use, save for a fiddly power mirror switch that isn't backlit at night.

It's a crowded market,

2009 Saturn Aura

Type: Midsize sedan
Price: \$23,728-\$26,395
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder
HP: 169

Highlights

- Roomy interior
- Nice to drive
- Good fuel economy

but GM has delivered a top-notch contender, sweetening it by mixing upper-line trim with a smaller engine. There's no reason why you can't be frugal and extravagant all at the same time.

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Acura unveils all-new TSX V6

DEBUT Acura's all-new V6 model for its TSX sports sedan lineup made its Canadian debut Monday at the Vancouver International Auto Show.

Scheduled to go on sale in summer, the 2010 TSX V6 will be equipped with a 3.5-litre V6 engine, exclusive suspension tuning, larger diameter wheels and other enhancements.

"Our new TSX V6 highlights the performance direc-

tion of Acura's sedans with its improved acceleration and handling," said Jerry Chenkin, executive vice president, Honda Canada Inc.

The V6 model adds a new level of power to the TSX lineup for a more sporty and spirited driving experience. The model is designed to satisfy driving enthusiast's appetite for a fun-to-drive, yet refined sports sedan.

A new TSX powertrain

choice means performance luxury buyers can enjoy a 280 horsepower 3.5L V6, with sophisticated VTEC(R) valvetrain control and a dual-stage induction system. For maximum performance and efficiency, the engine will be coupled to Acura's Sequential SportShift automatic transmission, with intelligent features such as Grade Logic Control and Shift Hold Control.

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Travel spending

Travellers are willing to pay extra for good service and the thrill of an exotic destination, according to a global poll. Almost 60 per cent of the 5,500 respondents said experiencing another culture was the top item they would spend more on during a vacation. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Travel



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Aix puts the glamour in Provence

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The name Provence might trigger visions of lavender fields, gentle games of pétanque and café terraces where men drink aniseed liquor and play cards. But the town of Aix, nestled in a valley some 30 kilometres from the city of Marseilles, not only offers up picturesque landscapes; it also oozes glamour.

Bursting with culture, history, wonderful markets, fabulous boutiques and glamorous people — women religiously wear six-inch heels, even when grocery shopping — Aix ticks every box when it comes to reasons for visiting the South of France.

No wonder the town attracted cultural stars including author Emile Zola and painter Paul Cézanne, and more recently, iconic French big-screen stars Alain Delon and Brigitte Bardot.

No visit to Aix is complete without an up-and-down tour of the Cours Mirabeau, a long sidewalk studded with brasseries, markets, shops and cafés — which also serves as a compass while exploring on foot.

Stop at No. 12, home to the town's oldest patisserie, Béchard, to indulge in some sweet therapy. Local diamond-shaped marzipans known as Calissons d'Aix are a speciality, but the freshly-baked iced-sugar brioche or glazed fruits will also please your palate.

At No. 49 is laid-back brasserie Le Grillon. Settle



An entire day should be dedicated to exploring the street markets of Aix-en-Provence.

Getting there

- Marseille-Provence airport is a 20-kilometre drive from the centre of Aix. The TGV Méditerranée rail line takes you from Paris to Aix-en-Provence in three hours.
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down on the heated terrace of this friendly café situated halfway down the hustle and bustle of the Cours and you'll get a snapshot of true Aix life. From young university students sipping bitter black coffee to the true bourgeois Aixois grazing on their three-course lunches, this is the place to see and be seen.

Stroll down to the end of the Cours to Place de la Rotonde, where the fountain-turned-roundabout marks the original entrance into the town.

The fountain is made up



One of the town's many fountains.

of three mesmerizing mermaids, each one representing a different aspect of the town — Justice, Commerce and Agriculture, and Fine Arts.

An entire day should be dedicated to exploring the town's street markets. Stock up on local products including honey, lavender

and fresh fruit on Place de La Madeleine where the local produce market stalls open daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Then follow the bursts of colours and smells over to the Palais de Justice, where the flower market merges with the vintage clothes and jewelry stalls situated

across the street. Sunflowers in one hand and basket in the other, browse through the heaps of jewels and hand-woven silk pashminas.

Last but not least, unwind after your exhausting trek of all the markets, bars and restaurants by treating yourself to a visit to Aix's new Spa, Thermes

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Entertainment



Gossip dancer

Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford reportedly tested over the weekend for the planned Footloose remake, according to E! News. Zac Efron recently backed out of the role.

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Monsters vs Aliens earned \$59.3 million US at the box office.

Monsters vs Aliens signals 3-D success

DreamWorks Animation SKG's strong \$59.3 million US opening weekend for 3-D movie Monsters vs. Aliens signals that Hollywood's greater reliance on the third dimension is popular with audiences.

Going into the movie's Friday opening, Hollywood was watching to see how commercially viable 3-D had become for big-budget films like the animated Monsters vs. Aliens.

The movie set an opening weekend record with more than \$33 million on 3-D screens, and its total take of \$59.3 million in the United States and Canada, including traditional 2-D theaters, was at the high end of analysts' forecasts.

As a result, DreamWorks Animation Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Katzenberg, one of the industry's biggest 3-D cheerleaders, said Hollywood is paying attention.

"I think this is the beginning of an era and I think we're going to see a lot of very exciting films and filmmakers working using this new technique," Katzenberg told Reuters.

While 3-D movies with comparatively smaller

budgets have performed well in recent months, Monsters vs. Aliens cost more than \$165 million. The last 3-D Hollywood film to approach that budget was the dog tale Bolt, which has earned about \$290 million worldwide since late November.

Monsters vs. Aliens, in which Reese Witherspoon voices a 50-foot-tall newscaster recruited to help battle an alien invasion, played on 2,080 3-D screens in North America, making use of nearly every available screen equipped with the technology. About 40 3-D films are scheduled to play in theaters in the next three years.

"My hope is that within the next 18 months in North America we'll get to 7,000 or 8,000 (3-D) screens, which is what we need to be able to accommodate two wide releases at the same time," said Katzenberg, whose studio will release all future movies in 3-D. Analysts say Monsters vs. Aliens could have done better at the box office had the credit crunch not hampered the rollout of expensive digital equipment needed to screen 3-D movies. **REUTERS**

History of the chase

Exploring Canadian connection between cars and film

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

With Fast & Furious about to speed into theatres this Friday, the latest installment of the successful hotrod film franchise is sure to be raising testosterone levels across North America.

But did you know the combination of cars and cinema arguably has a connection to Canada's first female filmmaker?

While University of Toronto cinema studies professor Bart Testa would surely stop short of directly linking early pioneer Nell Shipman to Fast & Furious, he does point out the early 20th century artist did play a role.

"(Shipman) made a film in which she spent the entire film in an automobile rescuing her boyfriend and so the film was a kind of car chase movie," says Testa, adding that Shipman may have another association to Fast & Furious. "I understand she actually wrecked three cars making the film."

There are certainly other early examples that are more obvious influences to the modern use of cars in cinema, the original Fast and the Furious (1955) being the most indisputable. But one cannot overlook the importance of such gems as Bullitt, the original Gone in 60 Seconds and even 1971's Vanishing Point.



Vin Diesel stars in Fast & Furious, the fourth film in the series, which opens in theatres this Friday.

"Now they've souped it up because they have special effects and the technology of the automobile has expanded — you can do a lot more with cars."

Bart Testa

"When you get to (2001's) The Fast and the Furious ... they're pretty consciously going back to that," says Testa. "Now they've souped it up because they have special effects and the technology of the automobile has expanded — you can do a lot more with cars."

Although producers of Fast & Furious may be

"souping" up for a big box-office take, the automobile industry has been tightening its means in a struggling economy.

With automakers around the globe laying off employees and mothballing their struggling product, it ponders one to consider if the car's golden days in the cinema aren't nearing an end as well.

Movie feature

"I think the car films that we're seeing now, the cars have already moved into the realm of fantasy-after-its-death," says Testa. "One of the things that the Fast and the Furious is about is that, despite the thuggish manner of Vin Diesel and his buddies in these films, there's some suggestion that they're conceptual artists — that the car is already into the realm of art and less the realm of necessity, practicality and the rest of that."



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Pseudo-celebrities that sell stuff

Coming to a store near you: Kendra Wilkinson's new line of stripper poles. "I'm coming out with my own stripper pole. Stripper pole and stripper pole workout," The Girls Next Door star said. USMAGAZINE.COM



Designer 'beaten down'

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

Twice was not as nice for designer Genevieve Graham as she got eliminated for a second time on last night's episode of Project Runway Canada.

The confident and frank Vancouver designer had previously been eliminated but got a second chance when the show brought her and Hamilton designer Jason Meyers back last week.

This time, designers had to create a tailored business suit for a female executive, with a mid-episode twist: Two hours from the runway show, designers were given another afternoon to create a set of lingerie to be worn under the suit.

Most designers got lauded for their lingerie designs but had varying levels of success with their business suits.

Graham struggled with the constraints of business attire and guest judge David Dixon called her chocolate-brown power



Genevieve Graham got booted for the second time last night from Project Runway Canada.

suit "frumpy," getting her sent home again.

Graham is happy she got a chance to show more of her unique design style on the show and hopes people will appreciate her against-the-grain fashion creations.

"I got another chance to show my work. I had a very different look from everyone else, a little less on the commercial side. I think being the black sheep will work out for the better," she said.

Graham weathered her first elimination with a shrug and her trademark confidence. This time

around the usually stoic designer fought back tears and looked more affected. She says being so close to the prize, especially for a second time, made getting cut that much tougher.

"Leaving and coming back, that was a bit more emotional for me. I was getting closer to the end and I was feeling a little beaten down," Graham said.

Despite getting heaved a second time from the competition, Graham says the experience hasn't shattered her confidence at all.

"I still think I was one of the strongest designers on

the show. Every piece I do is individual and one-of-a-kind and I am extremely confident in my work," she said.

Graham admits her choice of thick fabric in the business suit challenge, which made the suit seem heavy and unwieldy, wasn't ideal.

"A different fabric would have been better for sure," she said.

The judges frequently harped on Graham for having similar draped designs in all her clothing but the 31-year-old designer thinks they pigeonholed her too quickly and failed to appreciate the signature look she was going for with all her designs.

"I felt that when I did try to break out a little more (the judges) didn't acknowledge it. I don't think they really understood my brand," Graham said.

When to watch

• Project Runway Canada
airs Tuesday nights on Global.

Green Day: The Musical

MUSIC American Idiot, the hit 2004 concept album by rock trio Green Day, is taking on a new life as a theater production.

Michael Mayer, the Tony Award-winning director of Spring Awakening, is adapting the album — which sold 12 million copies worldwide and won Grammy Awards for best rock album and record of the year — for the Berkeley Repertory Theatre on Green Day's home turf in California. The production will run Sept. 4 through Oct. 11 to open the company's 2009-10 season, with tickets now on sale for early performances at berkeleyrep.org.

Mayer and Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong collaborated on the script for American Idiot, which follows the working-class subjects of the album's songs — including Jesus of Suburbia, St. Jimmy and a female protagonist called Whatsername — as they "express their individuality in a mass-media culture." The 19-member company will be choreographed by Olivier Award winner Steven Hoggett.

Armstrong said in a



Green Day

statement that Green Day has "been thinking of bringing American Idiot to the stage but knew we needed to find the right partners ... We were so impressed with (Spring Awakening) as well as (Mayer's) vision for American Idiot that we knew we'd found the perfect collaborator." Having the musical staged by the Berkeley Rep, Armstrong noted, "was an obvious bonus."

The musical will make an already busy 2009 even more so for Green Day. Its long-awaited follow-up to American Idiot, another concept album called 21st Century Breakdown, will be released on May 15. Green Day is expected to start a North American tour supporting the album in July.

REUTERS

In brief

ROLE Paul Bettany, seen recently in Inkheart, is in negotiations to star in Priest, a horror Western. An adaptation of a TokyoPop comic book, Priest is set in a world ravaged by centuries of war between man and vampire. It follows a warrior priest (Bettany) who turns against the church to track down a murderous band of vampires who have kidnapped his niece. The Screen Gems project would reunite Bettany with director Scott Stewart, for whom he just finished filming Legion, a supernatural thriller scheduled for release next year.

RENEWAL MTV is ordering four more seasons of its veteran reality hit The Real World. MTV also is ordering another four rounds of Bunim-Murray's The Real World/Road Rules Challenge. The current season of The Real World: Brooklyn will air its finale today.

REUTERS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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For complete online movie listings, trailers, reviews and tickets, visit: metronews.ca/movies

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G-Spot

Typecast as a sex bomb after appearing in "Red Shoe Diaries," actress Brigitte Bako has fun with that development — and others in her life — in this comedy series, a sort of "Sex and the City" meets "Seinfeld." In season three, starting tonight, her character, Gigi, deals with a kinky convention, the production of a pilot based on her life and, of course, lots of guy issues. 10 PM on SHOW



Leonard Cohen: Live in London

With a career spanning four decades, singer, songwriter and poet Leonard Cohen is a true national treasure. And they love him across the pond, too. In this new special, the man who gave us "Suzanne," "Sisters of Mercy," "Hallelujah," "Hey, That's No Way to Say Goodbye" and countless other songs performs at London's O2 Arena in a stop on his 2008 world tour. 8 PM on CBXT

Even after Hollywood success and “ballooning” families, Ben Affleck says his friendship with Matt Damon has not only gotten stronger, with shared vacations, but they’re planning another movie together, people.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Britney's worried message

LEGAL Britney Spears has consulted a lawyer to try and get her conservatorship lifted, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Womanizer singer — whose father Jamie and lawyer Andrew Wallet were made co-conservators of her personal and professional affairs following her breakdown last year — reportedly left a worried voicemail for an attorney on Jan. 29.

According to JFXOnline, Britney revealed she was concerned Jamie may stop her seeing her sons Sean Preston, three, and Jayden James, two.

In the message,

Britney says: “Hi my name’s Britney Spears. I called you earlier. I’m calling again because I just wanted to

make sure that during the process of the eliminating the conservatorship that my father has threatened me several times, that you know, he’ll take my children away.

“I just want to be guaranteed that everything will be fine with the process and that you guys are taking care of everything, that things will stay the same as far as my custodial time. That’s it, bye.”

It has been claimed the person leaving the message is definitely Spears, with a source telling America’s OK! magazine: “It’s the real deal. This is what convinced Jamie to go back to court to have the restraining orders reinstated against Sam Lutfi and Adnan Ghalib.”

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Is Rihanna cooperating?

PEOPLE The Los Angeles County District Attorney denies that Rihanna is no longer cooperating in the Chris Brown case, us-magazine.com reports.

“We deal with her attorney who says she is a cooperating victim,” L.A. County D.A. spokesperson Sandi Gibbons tells the website.

According to FoxNews.com, the Umbrella singer “wants the whole thing” to go away and isn’t helping the D.A. prepare his case against Brown for allegedly assaulting her Feb. 8 — hours before both were scheduled

to attend the Grammys.

Adds her lawyer, Donald Etra: “She will do everything that the law requires her to do ... nothing has changed.”

However, even without Rihanna’s cooperation, the case will still go forward on the basis of her detailed statement to police hours after the attack and the graphic photos.

Brown — who, like Rihanna, did not attend this weekend’s Kids’ Choice Awards — is due in court to be arraigned on two felonies April 6.

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Short models not a popular choice

FASHION Tyra Banks idea to only accept short models, under five-foot seven, for the next season of America’s Next Top Model has not gone down well with other fashion insiders, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Top agent Ellis, who discovered Erin O’Conner, told Vogue that it seemed like a “stupid, stupid idea.”

She said: “I really have no preconceived notions when I go out scouting ... But, height-wise, I would not be looking for anyone under 5’9” – 5’10”. That’s the absolute minimum.”

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Washington moving

FINANCES Former Grey’s Anatomy star Isaiah Washington is moving out of the property that has caused him some recent financial troubles, according to RadarOnline.com.

He and his wife faced eviction after falling \$100,000 US behind on rent, according to documents filed in Santa Monica, Calif., on Tuesday. They were told they needed to move out unless they paid the overdue amount.

“He’s moving out today,” a source told RadarOnline.com.

On Monday, two housekeepers were spotted packing a large box, and photographs were taken off of the walls. Washing-

ton and his wife were seen leaving the residence, though Washington returned 40 minutes later before leaving again.

The papers — filed by his landlord — claim that Washington and his wife haven’t been paying their \$20,000 monthly payments on their home in the Venice area of L.A. The complaint, filed by Sandalwood Properties, says Washington has not paid since November.

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Burton's Alice will be shot in 3-D

FILM Alice in Wonderland will feature scenes in 3-D — because it no longer gives the director a headache, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Filmmaker Tim Burton says he is embracing the technology because he thinks it perfectly suits the surreal world the film — which stars Anne Hathaway and Johnny Depp — is set in.

He said: “I like the 3-D aspect of it, I think it fits

the material very well, and it doesn’t give me a headache like it used to.

“I think it’s good for anything. There are other uses than having spears stuck into your face — I think there are more visceral, emotional uses, especially if you use lots of textures.”



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The Sweeney Todd director also admits he is unsure how much of the movie will feature Computer Generation Imagery (CGI) because he is still uncertain of his final vision of the film.

He added to Empire Online: “I’m not quite sure about CGI yet — doing a big budget movie is an organic process and gives the opportunity to experiment.”

Cyrus says yes to TV, no to film sequel

CAREER Big-screen Hannah Montana, no. Small-screen Hannah Montana, yes. So sayeth Miley Cyrus, whose Hannah Montana: The Movie hits cineplexes April 10, people.com reports.

And while she’s already torpedoed reports that she wants off the Montana treadmill, the pop sensation is adding further fuel to her insistence that her Disney Channel show keep up its pace — even though Disney itself reportedly is mulling over whether it should continue for a fourth season. Cyrus has already signed for a third.

For her part, Cyrus, 16, sounds optimistic about

Hannah’s future. “We got really lucky with having the material to make one movie,” she told the Associated Press on Monday. Given how the new movie, which Cyrus calls “very clever,” exposes Hannah Montana’s identity, the chances for a sequel a practically nil. That’s not to say, though, that the TV series can’t go marching on.

“I don’t know if I would do another film,” says its star, “but I would love to do another (TV) season. That would be what we would all agree on.”

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Berry open to more kids

FAMILY Halle Berry is open to having more kids — but don’t expect her to be like octuplets’ mom Nadya Suleman, people.com.

Berry confirms to Ellen DeGeneres on her show that she wants another child, but says she’s not up for double digits. “I hope I don’t have like 14 more,” quips Berry, who is mom to one-year-old Nahla Ariela.

Still, Berry isn’t ruling out that a brother or sister could be in the future for her daughter with model Gabriel Aubry. “My mind says yes,” she tells DeGeneres,

“but the rest isn’t up to me so we’ll see.”

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Willis' ski lodge burned down

PEOPLE Bruce Willis may have to cut his honeymoon short to deal with some devastating property loss. The actor’s ski lodge in Fairfield, Idaho, burned to the ground recently, according to the Associated Press.

The main lodge building as well as an adjacent rental shop were burned to the ground in the fire, which ignited a week after the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort, co-owned by Willis, closed for the season. Willis had reportedly been looking into expanding the resort.

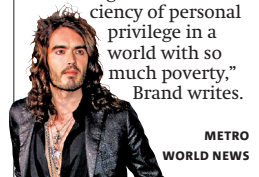
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Donate his fortune?

CHARITY Russell Brand is looking to donate his fortune to charity, according to his personal website.

The actor and comedian, who has had a string of successful film, book and TV projects in the U.K., writes that the financial success he’s garnered makes him uncomfortable. “I now recognize the insufficiency of personal privilege in a world with so much poverty,” Brand writes.



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Exes to co-star in film

RELATIONSHIP Friendly exes Drew Barrymore and Justin Long — who after a year as a couple split in July but were seen slow-dancing together in January — will soon have another chance to rekindle old flames when they shoot what Variety calls an “observational comedy,” titled Going the Distance, people.com reports.

They’ll play a couple threatened by the obsta-

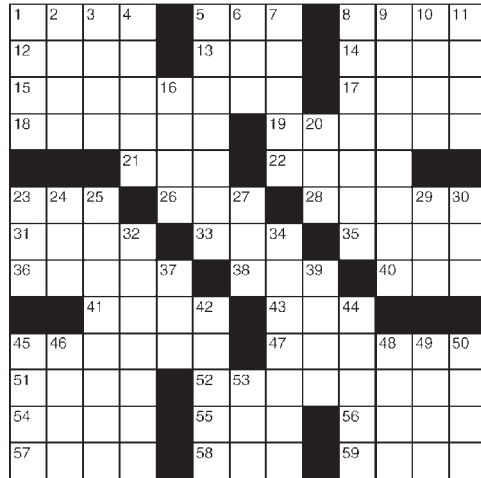
cles posed by their long-distance relationship, reports the trade paper. Barrymore, 34, and Long, 30, previously costarred together in this year’s ensemble comedy He’s Just Not Into You.

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Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television
 "My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!" **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**



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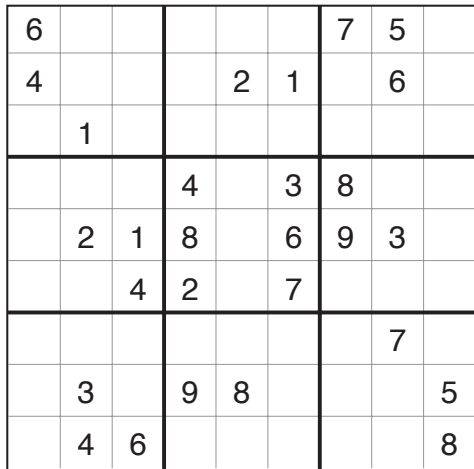
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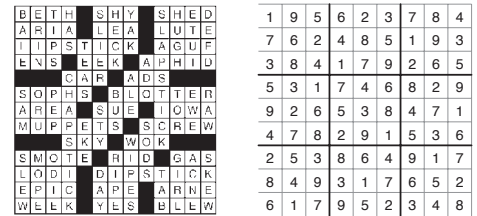
Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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Under 13 min	Genius	17-21 min	Smart
13-17 min	Scholar	21-25 min	Not bad
		25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Citrus-Grilled California Chicken with Melon Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper
- 6 tbsp (90 ml) fresh lime juice, divided
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) light soy sauce

SALSA:

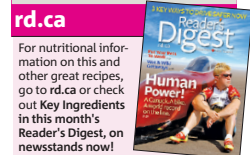
- 1 large cucumber
- 1 small cantaloupe, cut into 1-in. (2.5-cm) cubes
- 1/2 basket of cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) thinly sliced fresh basil
- 6 cups (1.5 l) mesclun leaves, for serving

METHOD:

- Preheat grill or broiler to medium. Sprinkle chicken on both sides with salt and black pepper. Devein and seed jalapeno pepper, then mince. In pie plate, mix 2 tbsp (25 ml) lime juice, garlic, soy sauce and 1 tsp (5 ml) jalapeno. Add chicken and turn to coat. Marinate

- at room temperature while preparing salsa.
- Halve cucumber lengthwise and remove seeds. Place cucumber cut-side down on board and thinly slice. In medium bowl, toss cucumber, cantaloupe, tomatoes, basil and remaining jalapeno and lime juice. Set aside.
- Discard marinade and lightly coat chicken with non-stick cooking spray. Grill or broil chicken until juices run clear, 5 minutes per side, turning once.
- Transfer chicken to cutting board and cut diagonally into strips 1/2 in. (1 cm) wide. Toss with cucumber mixture. Divide mesclun among 4 plates and spoon chicken and melon mixture over.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 Your good humour lightens the day for others. Using an inadequate service will be pointless. You can teach an old dog new tricks.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 Take extra care with traffic conditions. A story may not be properly told. Avoid jumping to conclusions with a buddy.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 Be diligent about looking into details. Refuse to argue with a whimsical man. A perplexing friend has a vision of the future.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 A gracious deed will win over an elder. Someone is hiding important facts. A violent traveller causes a ruckus.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 There'll be seesaw activity in your relationships. An outsider has the goods on your secret. Speak with tact, even when you're under duress.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 Your domestic activity will go off the scale. A cherished venture increases its momentum. A grim situation is created by a wicked schemer.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 Risk-taking is more important than usual. Cultivate a connection with a joyful person. A truce-maker will be well received.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 There's uncertainty about a change of alliances. Hide your dismay at the loss of a friendship. A sassy female should be ignored.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 Your routine will change due to happy moments. Don't ridicule someone's emotions. A kind person will set new standards.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 An irresponsible person takes over a boring task. An encounter with a foreigner will dazzle you. A meddler gets upset over certain preparations.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 An incoherent ally has abandonment issues. A potent daydream reveals the fulfillment of a wish. An older person makes you laugh.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 A splendid action will touch your heart. Denial of reality won't lead to a happy ending. Something that you dread must be faced.

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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- Hurl a female deer (1)
- Attempts to use fishing lures (1)
- Nanny or billy jacket (1)
- Viewing a living entity (2)
- Royal sons' shampoo followers (2)
- Discombobulate one with faith in (2)
- Evil pastor (3) [April Fools anagrams!]

ANSWERS: 1. WORTH OBE 2. TONGA TAO 3. TONGA TAO 4. GENTLES BEGIN 5. PRINCES SHIRMS 6. RESPECTFUL THIEVES 7. INSISTER INTERFERES

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